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IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Please **amend** the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim ¹/~~3~~ (Currently Amended) A An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim ²/~~3~~ (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 3, comprising the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Canceled)

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Canceled)

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Canceled)

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Claim 18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim ³~~20~~ (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 3, encoding a polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1-144 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Cancelled)

Claim 24 (Cancelled)

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